



BUGLE CALLS, DECEMBER 2023

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. DECEMBER 14 MEETING

DENNY'S RESTAURANT

710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Meeting

7:15 Program: "Famous Civil War Horses" by Spencers

7:30 Gift Exchange

2. COMING EVENTS (Tentative)

January 11th "Show & Tell"

February 8th "Bloody Kansas" by Ron Vaughan

March 14th Video on Battle of Franklin

April 11th "Battle of Prairie Grove" by Ron Vaughan

May 9th ?

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: By Michael Spencer

Hello,

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Civil War Conference. Once again it proved successful with our guest speakers, to which we owe some well-deserved gratitude. We will try to have as many conferences as possible.

Many of you know that all money earned goes directly to civil war battlefield preservation. A huge huzza to Lisa Peters for bidding on the Quilt made by Bev Kykendal (thank you to both). Our next meeting is our Christmas party w/ a Yankee swap on December 14th at 6:00 pm. Also, a reminder that annual dues are coming up.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT: By Ron Vaughan

2023 CWRT CONFERENCE: We had 32 attendees, including 5 Presenters. *All enjoyed the talks and Hill's fantastic power points. Parker has extensive knowledge of the Vicksburg Campaign due to his research and actually walking and searching the battlefields and swamps.

***INCOME:**

Registration Fees 28 X \$225= \$6300

Other checks (incl Quilt Raffle \$700) = \$1300

Silent auction cash= \$280

Book sales & raffles= \$227

Donation by Clagues= \$225

TOTAL INCOME= \$9,032

***EXPENSES:**

Flights & Expenses for Hills & Fields= \$1301

Rooms for Hills, Fields, Stanbery & Doug= \$1252

Meals for Speakers= \$ 288

Award plaques for Hills & Fields= \$103

Printing Booklets= \$428

Covers, Envelopes & Badges= \$139

Wyndham Meals Charge= \$4,758

TOTAL EXPENSES=.\$7,902

***PROFIT= \$1,130**

Current 11/21/23 Bank Balance= \$5,331.

NOTES:

*Not counted are donations of flowers, snacks, & other things by Spencer's, Green, & Vaughans.

*Donations for recording & making DVDs of Hills' talks: 10 x150= \$1,500 (separate fund from above income).

*Duane Benell had donated three boxes of books for our conference. Sadly he passed away last year. We still have some left.

A. NOVEMBER SJVCWRT MEETING:

Ten persons were present for the meeting. We voted to give \$250 to the Spencer's needy neighbor lady, in exchange for her late husband's Civil War books. We can use these for future raffles. I reported on the Conference income and expenses. I forgot to load my projector in the car, so we had to skip the Horses

presentation. Michael presented some trivia questions. The person with the most correct answers won some free raffle tickets.

Linda & I dressed up to represent an 1870s reporter interviewing Chaplain Adam Rankin. Rankin was a chaplain in the 113th Illinois Infantry., which served in the Vicksburg Campaign and other battles. Before the war, he was a minister, who was involved with the underground rail road, assisting some 2,000 slaves to escape to freedom in Canada. This topic tied in with our conference and the underground rail road quilt that was auctioned. The quilt auction was won by Lisa's \$700 bid!

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

"An inquiry should be instituted as to how many of these double acting Belgian muskets we have in the country. 'Double acting' because about equally dangerous at either end. A good story is told of one of our Illinois Colonels, who was heard praising the arm. He says: 'In platoon firing with the Belgian musket, I can tell what I cannot with any other arm, and that is, how many pieces have been fired.' 'How can you tell that?' 'Oh, I count the men on the ground. It never deceives me. It is 'fire and fall back flat.'

The bayonet, too, is a novelty: a soft iron affair, apparently designed to coil around the enemy as it is introduced, thus taking him prisoner.”